

# Defense Standardization Program Awards for 1999 Presented

Two individuals and eight teams were recognized by the Defense Standardization Program (DSP) at an awards ceremony held Friday, July 7, 2000, at the Double Tree Hotel, Arlington, Va. Since 1986, the Department of Defense has presented awards to personnel and organizations for outstanding performance in the implementation of the DSP.

DSP's mission is to identify, influence, develop, manage, and provide access to standardization processes, products, and services for warfighters and the acquisition and logistics communities. In addition, the program promotes interoperability, reduces total ownership cost, and sustains readiness.

The 1999 winners of the DSP plaque awards are:

Klaus Rittenbach — Information Engineering Directorate, Center for Information Technology Standards, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Chairman of the working group that developed the DoD interoperability standard for video teleconferencing (VTC). Rittenbach also received a \$5,000 monetary award for special achievement. Due to his efforts in VTC, federal agencies are saving millions of dollars in travel costs each year.

Raymond Paul Tremblay — Standardization Group, Quality Engineering and Safety Team, Quality Engineering Directorate, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Picatinny Arsenal, N. J.

Chairman of the American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME) drawing practices committee. Tremblay led the DoD in its transition from military standard drawing practices to a non-government standard in the ASME.

Army — The U. S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command, Natick Soldier Center, Aerial Delivery Engineering Support Team, Natick, Mass.

This team partnered with industry to develop industry-wide standards to replace more than 100 detailed military specifications and standards for parachute textiles and components. Their achievement is estimated to have an annual savings of about \$1 million.

Navy — Naval Sea Systems Command's Detection Processing and Navigation Systems Program Management Office Advanced Display System Team, Arlington, Va.

Using open system interfaces and commercial off-the-shelf computer resources, this team designed the AN/UYQ-70 Advanced Display. This next-generation display and processor will be used with surface, sub-surface, and airborne combat weapon systems.

U. S. Marine Corps — Direct Reporting Program Manager, Advanced Amphibious Assault Weapon System Mark 46 Development Team, Woodbridge, Va.

This group used standard components from existing successful weapon systems to develop a new medium-caliber gun system. Their accomplishment reduced costs, development time, and risk.

Multi-Place Life Raft Replacement Team, Aviation Life Support Systems, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Md.

This team made great strides in maintainability by replacing a detailed military specification for emergency rafts with a performance specification.

High Level Architecture Team, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Orlando, Fla.

Applying an existing interoperability standard, this team interconnected simulators from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to provide the first-ever simultaneous joint training exercise.

Air Force — The Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle System Program Office, Space and Missile Command, El Segundo, Calif.

This team pioneered the first standard, multi-purpose expendable launch vehicle capable of carrying payload weights of up to 45,000 pounds. The estimated savings over the next 20 years will be more than \$5 billion.

Joint Team — The Joint Service Electronic Combat System Tester Integrated Product Team, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu, Calif.

Faced with the problem of obsolete, unreliable, and expensive testers, this team developed common support tester equipment to minimize costs, increase interoperability, and reduce the future logistics footprint.

Defense Logistics Agency — Document Automation and Production Service Team, Philadelphia, Pa.

The DAPS team created the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System. This system gives everyone in government and industry online access to specifications, standards, and other technical data.

Additional information on the Defense Standardization Program may be obtained by visiting [www.dsp.dla.mil/](http://www.dsp.dla.mil/).

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